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Small-Boat Harbor Project

Legislation for Los Angeles County authority to create a beach small-boat harbor district will be presented to the January session of the state legislature.

Chairman Raymond V. Darby of the board of supervisors, in making the announcement said Assemblyman Vincent Thomas and other county area assemblymen have pledged support to the proposal.

The district, according to Darby, would build yacht harbors such as the one proposed at Portuguese Bend and undertake major improvements at public beaches.

Bonds would be issued by the district to finance the development and the bonds would be retired by revenues derived from operation of the facilities, Darby said.

Building Industry Designs Plans For Lower Cost, Quality Homes

Nationally known architects and engineers are completing work on plans and specifications for an industry-engineered housing program being designed to bring substantial savings in building costs, Tyler S. Rogers, president of the Producers' Council, national organization of building product manufacturers, announced today.

"These homes are being developed jointly by the Council and the National Retail Lumber Dealers' Association," Rogers said. "They will be presented to the public as one of industry's answers to the demand for quality homes at reduced cost. Work has been under way for more than six months.

"The savings will result from economy in design and from standardization, pre-cutting and sizing, and more efficient assembly of the parts which make up the home and can be realized whether the dwellings are built one or 1000 at a time. The homes will in no sense be standardized because each basic design can be built with a wide variety of treatments so far as external and interior appearance and detail are concerned. Several variations in floor plans will be possible.

"The first industry-engineered houses will contain one, two, or three bedrooms, kitchen, bath, and living room, plus other usual conveniences. They represent a carefully studied effort to provide veterans and others with thoroughly liveable and comfortable houses at a cost lower than is attainable by customary methods of building homes of the same size and quality. This is in no sense prefabricated housing, but homes built by the orthodox factors of the industry—the manufacturers, dealers and contractors.

"When the houses have been completely designed and engineered, manufacturers will be able to provide all of the component parts in sizes which will fit into the houses with little or no waste of time and materials in assembly. It is anticipated that some major units, such as bathrooms, kitchens, and heating units may be especially designed for the engineered houses in cases where existing lines do not fit.

"Manufacturers will be able to provide the exact number or quantity of pipes, boards, nails, bricks, insulating materials, windows, doors, hardware, and other items such as kitchen, bathroom or heating equipment in special packages or assortments, engineered or built to the exact requirements of the house.

"The outstandingly new aspect of industry engineered housing is that it brings together a large number of money-saving ideas which have been developed and thoroughly tested in the past but which have not been combined into a workable plan.

"In addition to saving time and labor by reducing the amount of costly cutting and fitting on the site, the plan will bring further savings in the form of greater mass production in manufacture, lower inventories for manufacturers and materials dealers, and lower cost of assembling and distributing the hundreds of parts needed for a complete home.

"Dealers will save money in buying, handling, and distributing the standard parts, many of them pre-packaged. The parts can be kept continuously in stock and can be delivered to the building site on short notice, thus avoiding costly delays in construction.

"Owners or builders will be able to add further conveniences to the houses in any way they wish and still retain all of the savings inherent in the basic plans.

"No estimates of the total savings have yet been made.

"It is anticipated that plans and specifications will be complete by the end of this year and that manufacturers will require several additional months to adapt their individual products to the engineered house.

"Complete details will be made available to the entire building industry and to the public as soon as the engineering is complete. Every building products manufacturer, materials dealer, and builder will be free to utilize the plan in any way he sees fit.

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Dogs and cats are especially susceptible to ringworm and can pass the infection on to humans, Dr. Gilbert said. Cat ringworm is particularly resistant to treatment when it infects the scalp of children.

Children should not exchange toilet articles or wearing apparel, the health officer said. If children are infected with the coin-sized red patches typical of ringworm a physician should be consulted or they may receive treatment at the Torrance health center. They are excluded from school until the disease is under control.

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